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Meet Our Leaders



Pictured above is the Staff Parish Relations Committee. All our leadership committees are in place and meeting to lead our church on the right path. A list of all committees and members is on page 4. Front row: Brenda Davis, chairperson, Nan Ramsey, Jimmi Pittmon, Kris Dial; back row Letitia Nachtrieb, Bob Nachtrieb, and Gail Douglas. Not pictured are Amy Allen, Paul Hash, Jon Kinslow and Sam Martin.

TASTE TEST TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH YOUTH & YOUTH CHOIR FUNDRAISER

If you have not yet signed up to support our youth in their fundraising Taste Test, it is not too late. Call Janice Kalinec at 972-298-2355 or any Youth Choir member no later than this Sunday afternoon. The Taste Test times range from 10:50 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. and the age range is 13 to 65 years of age.

This is an easy, fun and yummy way to support our youth. If you have already signed up, don't forget to come and thanks for your support!

Retirement & Reception for Phyllis Goldman

Join us Sunday morning, January 28, from 9:30-11:00a.m. in the Narthex for a reception honoring Phyllis Goldman.

Phyllis began working for the church in May, 1983. Phyllis worked with the following senior pastors: Tom Peel, Don Waddell, Dale Hunt, Bob Robertson, Larry Ravert, Clayton Oliphint, Dan Hoke and Mike Nichols.

For many years Phyllis was in charge of the financial end of operations. She later also became the office manager along with maintaining finances. In 1998 she relinquished those duties and became the director of Senior Adults and Congregational Care. She organized trips, exercise classes, dinners, Bible Studies and much more.

Phyllis is a member of the Homebuilders SS Class, has 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. She is currently doing remodeling in her home and enjoys golf with her friends.

Drop by after the 8:30 service, before the 11:00 service or any time in between for refreshments and remembrances.

Staff Highlight



Carol Weller keeps packets filled.

Our very own artist, Carol Weller, is being very creative with the Children's Packets that are available to be picked up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Some of the pictures to be colored have been drawn by Carol. She has been known to pick up other goodies like stickers and trinkets when she is out and about. Thanks Carol for sharing your talents and concern for our little ones and their parents. Carol is one of our receptionists in the office. Some of her duties include recording attendance from church and SS, answering the phone and sending out reminders for meetings.

Youth to begin new series

A new series for Sunday nights is *God's Extreme Makeover* - It is a discovery of the conflict between the new life and the old sinful nature. God's Extreme Makeover is a 4-part sermon series. While our culture tells us to change our outside, God points to the Fruit of the Spirit and tells us He will change us from the inside.

The 4 lessons are: *Being Attractive Without Having To Look Good* - Topics are Peace, Patience, and Self Control

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF A SINGLES GROUP?

If you are 50+ and are interested in being a part of a singles Sunday School class, contact Lou Craig at 972-298-7481 or 214-354-8918.

For those under 50, contact Rev. Marie Mitchell at the church office, 972-298-6121.

JANUARY SMILES

Carolyn Newland for covering 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School.

Help Wanted

The Discipline of the United Methodist church requires that funds received from contributions be counted by a committee. Volunteers are needed to help with this task on Monday mornings at 7:30. No special skills are required other than extreme confidentiality. The committee consists of 6-8 individuals who assist on a rotating basis. Typically the teams are assigned specific months of the year for which they are responsible. If you are willing to help, please contact Mona Barbee at 972-298-6121 or via email at mona@fumcd.com.

Ladies Only

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.
the Book Club will meet at the home of

Donna Dismukes

1417 Nettleton Drive DeSoto

The book selection for discussion is
"Blue Like Jazz" by Donald Miller

If you have any questions, please contact
Letitia Nachtrieb 972.298-9007

Meet your Leaders

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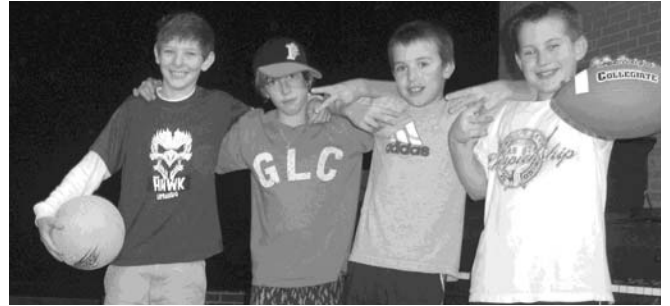
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Snow Stopping Experience

Confirmation Class News



Confirmands will be leading the Sunday morning Call to Worship. Last Sunday's Call to Worship was read by Claire Dial and Brad Peregory.



Confirmation Calendar

February 10 - Mission work at North Texas Food Bank

February 26 - SS class will be 9:00-10:00.

Will then leave for FUMC Richardson to visit during their 11:00 service. Lunch will follow and then return to FUMCR for Confirmation Celebration.

April 22 - Confirmation Service

Breakfast in Aldersgate hosted by current 5th grade class. 9:45 Confirmation Service and Reaffirmation of Baptism and/or baptism at the Memorial Fountain. 11:00 presentation to the congregation.



Sky Ranch Retreat held in Aldersgate Fellowship Hall

Due to really terrible weather the weekend of January 13 and 14, the Confirmation Class of 2007 regrouped and met in Aldersgate Fellowship Hall for the day and night instead of driving to Sky Ranch in East Texas. Janet Dempsey, Sheri Hollingsworth and Marlies Peregory organized and entertained 18 confirmands.

The evening started with Janet leading the confirmands in youth activity games. They watched old black and white movies, went to see "Freedom Riders" and "We Are Marshall." They ate dinner at CiCis and all went to Wal-Mart to shop for breakfast food. They arrived back at the church at 1:15 a.m. The girls slept on the stage in sleeping bags, the boys made forts of the tables and slept in their 'forts' on the upper level. The following morning they prepared sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee, milk and juice for their parents and all enjoyed a great breakfast.

Let us keep all these young people, parents, mentors, and leaders in our prayers during this special time in their lives.

cares and concerns

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| Bettye Rice | Alma Wickware |
| Brantlee Sontag | Our military |
| Sandy Courville | Our firefighters and police |
| Jon Kinslow | |
| Tony Walker | Death |
| Jimmy Dunham | Ray Dabiere |
| Martha Leewright | Kathryn Carder |
| Lou Fain | |
| Owenda Douglass | |
| Mary Dabiere | |
| Jean Lewis | |
| Harold Houser | |
| Rev. Marie Mitchell on the death of her brother, Byron | |

memorials and honorariums**in memory of**

Bobbie Way
Bobbie Way
Sam Brandenburg
Sam Brandenburg
Sam Brandenburg
Ruth Lathum
Ray Dabiere

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Budget Carl & Barbara McGee
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Budget Frances Neely
Endowment Star Circle
Budget Cup & Saucer

If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, just indicate on your check the name of the individual and the fund to which the money is to be donated. A note will be sent to the family indicating a donation was made and the name of the donor.

Flowers may also be ordered for Sunday morning in memory or honor of a loved one or an event. These dates may be reserved by calling the church office and speaking with Barbara Cline or Carol Weller. The price of each arrangement is \$35.00. You may take the flowers home following the 11:00 a.m. service on the Sunday you selected. Church office is 972.298-6121.

Christian One Liners

**We were called to be witnesses,
not lawyers or judges.**

Remember

Call the church office and make us aware if you or someone you know in the church is in the hospital or plans surgery. 972.298-6121



QUILTING GROUP

FUMC will begin work on the quilt for the 2007 Fall Festival. Quilting will begin on Monday, February 5. There will be 2 groups quilting. One at 10 a.m. each Monday and one at 7 p.m. each Monday. Both groups will quilt in the Progressors Classroom in the Alexander building. All quilters in the church are welcome.

Class Notes**CUP & SAUCER**

We are saddened by the loss of our vice president, Ray Dabiere. We will miss his faithfulness. Worthie Usher was elected to be vice president of our class. We were blessed with an uplifting prayer by Jim Carver. Our opening song was played by Mary Morris "Help Somebody Today" followed by an inspiring lesson led by Sara Lovdahl from John 5:19-29 "Ultimate Fairness." Our lesson next Sunday will be on "Overcoming Darkness" from John 8:12-20 and 12:44-46. Happy belated 92nd birthday to Ethel Gabriel.

Please pray for our sick and bereaved Mary Dabiere, Doris and Dan Poole's brother and sister-in-law, Dennis Cook, wife, the Carder family, Bettye Rice and Rev. Marie Mitchell. We had 45 present.

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Carole Deffebach on "Ultimate Fairness." Gretta Reich played the piano to start the class and Bob Hastings said our prayer.

Our Super Bowl Party is set for Sunday, February 4th at 4:00 PM, at Elizabeth Gregory's house. Bring your favorite football game watching snack and we will share goodies.

Joys this week go to Charlie Harthcock, Paul Browder, and Phil Davison

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry and Willa Yost, Gene & Barbara Browder, Martha Williamson, Cami Leigh Crews, Russell Gosko, Rev. Bill Stephenson, Jean Lewis, Mary Ann Davis, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Charlie Harthcock, Nancy DeShazo, Wylie Craig, Mark

Vhorhee, Bob Ammons, James Jordan, Billy, Jennifer, Lillie Ashcraft, Mary Ann Lee, Ruby Edgar, Mavis Mathis, Danny Craig, Charlene Martynowski, Dean Warren, Lou Fain, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, and Karen Kelly.

On January 28, our lesson will be "Overcoming Darkness" taught by David Gregory. The scripture is John 8:12-20; 12:44-46, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

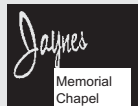
United Class

The United Class report covers January 7 through January 21 Sundays. Marie brought a fine lesson on the 7th and proved the effectiveness of our microphone. Barbara H. was there for the first time in too many Sundays. On the 14th some members failed to receive the notice of weather cancellation

and tried to attend. On the 21st Mike brought another learned lesson based on John's gospel. We welcomed 2 visitors Ken and Judy Ray. Mark your calendars for February 14 class party at 11:30 a.m. in Aldersgate Fellowship Hall.



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